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Couple Charged in Connection with Fatal Shooting in Carson

Two women charged in connection with a friend's killing are scheduled to be arraigned today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Vershonda Charisse Sneed (dob 8/14/85) has been charged with one count of murder, while her girlfriend, Tyshonda Marie Powell (dob 8/25/87) has been charged with one count of accessory after the fact in case TA137551.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that Sneed personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death.

The defendants are scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 12 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch. Prosecutors will ask bail be set at \$2 million for Sneed and \$20,000 for Powell.

Prosecutors said Sneed and victim Bobby King, 34, were very good friends, however tension recently developed between the two.

On the evening of June 25, Sneed and her girlfriend, defendant Powell, reportedly met up with King at a friend's Carson home, prosecutors said. When King arrived at the location, Sneed allegedly shot the victim several times.

Following the attack, Powell and Sneed left the scene.

Authorities were called and King was taken to the hospital for treatment, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

Law enforcement located Sneed and Powell soon after the incident and they were arrested in connection with the crime.

If convicted as charged, Sneed faces a possible maximum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison, while Powell could be sentenced 3 years in county jail.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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